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Composition: Explication

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**5.7 Unnecessary Comma**

MY SENTENCE: By using cats and dogs as a symbol, the poem achieves a clashing view, because cats and dogs are opposites.

EXPLANATION: Only use a comma when a rule requires one or when the meaning of the sentence would be unclear without one. I got my information from *Holt Handbook* on page 348.

REVISED EXAMPLE: By using cats and dogs as a symbol, the poem achieves a clashing view due to the fact that cats and dogs are opposites.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: My sister, by the way, dances lyrical as well.